

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Elections – Biennial Election to the Telangana Legislative Council from Hyderabad Local Authorities' Constituency scheduled to be held on 13.03.2023– Measures to check “ Paid News “ during election i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News published in Print Media and telecast in Electronic Media and also Social Media– Constitution of State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 204

Dated: 13-02-2023
Read the following:

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Orders in S.L.P. (c)
No. 6679/2004, dated 13.04.2004.
2. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1,
dated 15.04.2004.
3. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2012/Media,
dated 27.08.2012.
4. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2019/
Communication, dated 25.02.2019.
5. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Letter
No.491/MCMC/2021/Communication, dated 19.03.2021.
6. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Press Note No.ECI/PN/16/2023,
dated 09.02.2023.

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ORDER:

Pursuant to the directions of the Election Commission of India vide its orders second to sixth read above, State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) is constituted with the members mentioned below as a measure to check“Paid News” during election i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News telecast in Electronic Media i.e. on TV Channels, Cable Networks, Cinema Halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels; publication in Print Media and campaigning in Social Media in connection with the conduct of the Biennial Election to the Telangana Legislative Council from Hyderabad Local Authorities' Constituency scheduled to be held on 13.03.2023.

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| 1) Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana State | ... Chairperson |
| 2) Deputy Director, Regional Outreach Bureau | ... Nodal Officer |
| M/o Information & Broadcasting, G.O.I. | |
| Room No.203, 2 nd Floor, CGO Towers, | |
| Kavadiguda, Hyderabad - 500 080 | |
| 3) Any Observer appointed by the ECI | ... Member |
| 4) Professor & Head Media Advisor, | ... Member |
| Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, | |
| Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007. | |

(P.T.O)

- 5) Deputy Director & Head of News
All India Radio ... Member
Hyderabad.
- 6) Senior Journalist & ... Member
Member, Press Council of India, Hyderabad.
- 7) Assistant Director, Digital Media, ... Member
(Intermediary Expert / Social Media Expert)
O/o ITE&C Department,
T.S.Secretariat, 5th Floor, B.R.K.Bhavan,
Hyderabad – 29.
- 8) Jt. Chief Electoral Officer Member Secretary
Telangana State

2. The above State Level MCMC shall decide appeals received from both the District Level MCMC and the Committee on Certification of election advertisements as per the ECI Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated 15/04/2004 besides examining all cases of Paid News on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases that they may take up suo motu, in which case it shall direct the concerned R.O. to issue notices to the candidates.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**VIKAS RAJ
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Chairperson and Members of the State level MCMC Constituted herein.

{Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication,
dated 27.08.2012, 25.02.2019 and 19.03.2021}.

The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad (w.e)

The Returning Officer, Hyderabad Local Authorities' Constituency(w.e.)
{Through the DEO, Hyderabad}.

The Presidents of all Political Parties for the State of Telangana

{Recognized National Parties and State Level Parties)

{Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication,
dated 27.08.2012, 25.02.2019 and 19.03.2021}

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State,
Samachar Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004.

All the Television Channels / Cable Network Operators/ All India Radio and Private
F.M. Channels. {Through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations
Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad.}

Copy to :

1. The Chairperson and Members of the Jt.CEO's Committee on Certification of election advertisements Constituted. (w.e.)
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt, Information Technology Electronics and Communications Department, Telangana State, Secretariat, At 5th Floor, B.R.K.Bhavan, Hyderabad-29.

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3. The Director General (South Zone), Press Information Bureau,
M/o. Information & Broadcasting, GOI, Room No.203, 2nd Floor, CGO Towers,
Kavadiaguda, Sec'bad -80.
4. The Deputy Director General, Prasar Bharathi, Door Darshan Kendra,
Telangana State, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad- 500 013.
5. The Station Director, Prasar Bharathi, All India Radio, Saifabad,
Hyderabad – 500004.
6. The P.M. I.T, and S.L.A.. O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEO's website.
7. All the Officers, in G.A (Elections) Dept., and P.S/ PA to the CEO/ Joint CEO/ Dy. CEO.
8. The Secretary, Press Council of India, Soochana Bhavan, 8-C, CGOs Complex, Lodhi
Road, New Delhi - 110003.
9. Shri Suman Kumar Das, Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.
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SECTION OFFICER